



The City of Seat Pleasant is proud to introduce our new City Manager, Leslie Parker-Blyther.

Please take the time to read her biography.

Leslie Parker Blyther is a native of Prince George's County Maryland. She received her bachelor's degree from Morgan State University in Sociology. And earned a master's degree in Psychology from Bowie State University. Leslie is an educator in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security. She has taught at Coppin State University and Bowie State University. Most recently, Ms. Blyther served as the Interim Director at Anne Arundel Community College in the Homeland Security & Criminal Justice Institute. Prior, she served as the Program Coordinator for 18 years, developing courses and curricula in the fields of juvenile justice, forensics, law enforcement, corrections, homeland security, intelligence analytics, and forensic psychology. Ms. Blyther has written countless professional training curricula in law enforcement; corrections; diversity, equity and inclusion; leadership and ethics.

Ms. Blyther is a social and legal policy analyst –researching, examining, and writing policies on law enforcement and corrections use of force; searches and seizures; training, and administrative operations. Her experience in policy analysis also extends into higher education as well. In her career as a strategic planner, she helped to establish two correctional entrance level training academies in Prince George's and Anne Arundel County. She was hired to advance the Anne Arundel Community College's police entrance level training academy where she designed and implemented a 100-percent proficiency examination policy – the highest in the state of Maryland.

Leslie Parker Blyther is a long-time activist in Baltimore City. She served on the Parent-Community Advisory Board in the Baltimore City Public School System; the city's Civilian Review Board; and co-founded and served as the administrative officer of the "Children's First" non-profit organization. She helped strategize two of the largest protests against lead-contaminated water in Baltimore City Schools; and served as one of two litigates – leading to a successful cease and desist order against running water in Baltimore City Schools. She is a co-founder of two charter schools in Baltimore City, and the President of the Board of Directors for the Angela Y. Davis Leadership Academy in Baltimore City.

Leslie is a watercolorist, an advent reader, and plays Tibetan Singing Bowls. She loves spending time with her family who still live in Prince George's County. She has two children – Trevor and Troi.

It is her greatest desire to use all the talents, skills, and experience God has afforded her to help enhance public trust and confidence in the city's government. The work will be challenging. But Leslie holds to the words of Frederick Douglass, "*If there is no struggle, there is no progress.*" She is encouraged by the commitment and dedication of the city's government professionals, and the elected officials who envision a better community for the citizens of Seat Pleasant.